

## Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

No Board member will use his/her official position or office to obtain personal financial benefit or detriment or financial gain or detriment for relatives or for any business with which the Board member or a relative is associated.

“Business” means any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, enterprise, association franchise, firm, organization, self-employed individual or any legal entity operated for economic gain.

“Business with which a Board member or relative is associated” means any business of which a Board member or relative is a director, officer, owner, employee or agent or any corporation in which a Board member or relative owns or has owned stock worth \$1,000 or more at any point in the preceding year.

No Board member or relative will solicit or receive directly or indirectly during any calendar year any gift or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$100 from any single source that could reasonably be known to have a legislative, administrative, regulatory, contractual, supervisory or judicial interest in the district.

“Relative” is defined as a Board member’s spouse, children of Board member or of spouse, brothers, sisters, and parents of a Board member or of spouse.

No Board member will solicit or receive, either directly or indirectly, any pledge or promise of future employment based on any understanding that the Board member’s vote, official action or judgment will be thereby influenced.

No Board member will attempt to use or use for personal gain any confidential information gained through his/her official position or association with the district. A Board member will respect individuals’ privacy rights when dealing with confidential information gained through association with the district.

Individual Board members and the Board as a public entity are bound by the Code of Ethics for public officials as stated in Oregon law.

### Potential Conflict of Interest

“Potential conflict of interest” means any action or any decision or recommendation by a Board member that could result in a benefit or detriment for self or relatives.

A Board member may, after declaring his/her potential conflict of interest, either vote or abstain on the issue.

Abstaining from a vote does not meet the legal requirement of publicly stating a potential conflict.

Actual Conflict of Interest

“Actual conflict of interest” means any action or decision or recommendation taken that would result in a financial benefit or detriment to self or relatives.

A Board member may not vote lawfully if an actual conflict of interest exists unless a vote is needed to meet a minimum requirement of votes to take official action. However, such a vote does not allow the Board member to participate in any discussion or debate on the issue out of which an actual conflict arises.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 162.015 - 162.035

ORS 162.405 - 162.425

ORS 244.010

ORS 244.020

ORS 244.040

ORS 244.120

ORS 244.130

ORS 244.350 - 244.380

ORS 332.055

ORS 659A.006

38 OR. Atty Gen OP.1995 (1978).